

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1182

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Marion Gray, Jr. of Rogersville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Marion Gray, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gray was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Carson-Newman College, Mr. Gray served with acumen and alacrity as Production Planner for Tennessee Eastman for thirty years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; he held numerous other positions as well, including as a fingerprint specialist for the FBI, a fifth-grade teacher in the Hawkins County School System, and at Gold Star Fitness, where he worked part-time after his retirement; and

WHEREAS, John Gray was an active and devout member of Rogersville First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gray was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, John Gray enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Rosalynn Deal Gray, and was the proud parent of the late John David Gray and William "Bo" Gray (Joyce) as well as the proud step-parent of Laura Hartness (Brian) and Marissa Porrello (Sean); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gray is also survived by his grandchildren, Claire and Cole Gray, Lauren and Madeline Hartness, and Tyler and Luke Porrello; his brother, Lawrence Gray (Lena); his nieces, Amy Gray Curvin (Ed) and Carol Gray Miller (Robert); his great-nieces and nephew, Anna and Max Curvin and Sarah and Sophia Miller; and his numerous cousins; and

WHEREAS, John Gray, Jr. leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Marion Gray, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gray.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.